

One Million Dollars for Good Roads, \$200,000 In Henderson County.

One million dollars for good roads in Western North Carolina, of which \$200,000 will be spent in Henderson county, tells in cold figures of the good roads spirit abroad in the beautiful Land of the Sky.

Here are the facts:

Rutherford county has voted \$250,000 for roads, Polk has voted \$100,000, Madison \$300,000. Buncombe has just issued \$50,000. McDowell has ordered the issue of \$100,000, and Transylvania \$50,000. The amount which will be spent in Henderson county is estimated at \$210,000,—this amount being derived mainly from county and township bonds to be issued by mandate of the legislature or by petition.

This makes a total of \$1,060,000.

The Henderson county bond issue made mandatory by the legislature, is \$25,000. Petitions have been or are being signed for township bonds as follows: Hendersonville township \$50,000; Hoopers Creek \$20,000; Edneyville \$17,000; total for those three townships, \$87,000. That together with the county issue of \$25,000 brings the amount up to \$112,000. The labor of the county convicts is estimated at \$12,000; and the labor of the convicts of Hickory Nut Gap highway at \$20,000. This brings the amount up to \$144,000. Township bonds from Mills River, Blue Ridge, Crab Creek and other townships are estimated at \$66,000. This will bring Henderson's total up to \$210,000.

Sand-clay oil surfaced roads can be constructed for about \$1,250 per mile.

Therefore the expenditure of \$1,060,000 should give this section about 1,300 miles of perfect sand-clay oil surfaced roads.

Good roads mean more and more desirable settlers. They mean the ultimate development of Henderson county into a veritable garden spot, increased prosperity and happiness for all.

Switzerland is a country where great wealth, as understood in this country, is unknown.

But it is also a country where poverty is absolutely unknown.

Three well-defined causes have brought about this highly desirable condition.

They are: wonderful mountain scenery, good hotels and good roads.

The mountains of Western North Carolina are even more beautiful, though less awe-inspiring, than those which annually attract hundreds of thousands of tourists to Switzerland.

The good roads era is here in this section.

The hotels are already here and more will certainly follow.

Therefore, in the course of time Switzerland's experience will be Western North Carolina's—a county where poverty will eventually be absolutely unknown.

THAT GREENVILLE BAD ROAD

The contract for the building of the South Carolina end of the Greenville-Hendersonville road over the mountains near the state line has been awarded to J. T. Blassingame of Greenville for \$5,800 by the board of county commissioners of Greenville county.

The letting of the contract settles a ques-

tion which has been pending for a long time. It will be remembered that several years ago Senator Maudlin and members of the legislature secured an appropriation of \$7,500 for this road, but owing the the flood the county supervisor used the money for building bridges. The county commissioners by making a slight change in the survey have secured just as good a road on the sunny side of the mountain at a sav-

ing of \$1,700.

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forty miles between Hendersonville and Greenville, and the under present conditions the road will be in fairly good shape during the greater part of the year.

It is highly probable that a portion of \$25,000 to be spent in Henderson county in repairing, re-surfacing and building roads will be expended in sand-claying the North Carolina part of this highway, five miles of the twelve between here and the state line having been sand-clayed.

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Convicts Making Roads.

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Mules and a Scraper do Good Work.

building of this road has been delayed to date.

P. F. Patton of Hendersonville, who submitted a bid with the view to stimulating interest in the building of the road, has returned from Greenville where he talked over the situation with Mr. Blassingame, who stated that he will build the road in question, a fraction over one and one-half

which has been the dread of all persons passing over the road since it was built by South Carolina in 1820. It is perhaps the best known road in South Carolina, and in the olden days stage coaches and carriages used it frequently. It is the main means of commerce between Western North Carolina and the Greenville section of South Carolina.

COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE BONDS

Petitions signed by more than a majority of the qualified voters of Hoopers Creek and Hendersonville townships, asking for bond issues of \$20,000 and \$50,000, respectively, were presented to the board of county commissioners in session Tuesday afternoon, the meeting being featured by the absence of a protesting voice, and May 19 was fixed as the date for receiving bids and disposing of the bonds.

Hon. W. A. Smith presented the petition for a \$50,000 issue of 30 year 6 per cent bonds for Hendersonville township, stating among other things that out of 960 qualified voters more than 500 had signed for a bond issue.

P. A. LeLong presented the petition signed by 172 of the 288 qualified voters of Hoopers Creek township for a 6 per cent 30 year \$20,000 bond issue. He further stated that at a mass meeting Saturday night five commissioners were elected to handle the road money, as follows: J. P. Fletcher, chairman; P. A. LeLong, secretary; H. E. Lance, W. D. Bagwell, P. S. Souther. These men were before the commissioners Tuesday and it was stated that they were ready to perform their duties, having been sworn in by Clerk of Court C. M. Pace. Each of the commissioners will furnish \$1,000 bond as a guarantee of the performance of his duties.

Hendersonville township will not elect its road commissioners until after having given ten days' notice.

From all appearances there will be a ready market for the bonds as two bids were made at this meeting. Speaking for K. G. Morris of the First Bank & Trust company, Mr. Smith stated that the latter would give 105 for the township bonds and the \$25,000 county bond issue, all to bear 6 per cent interest.

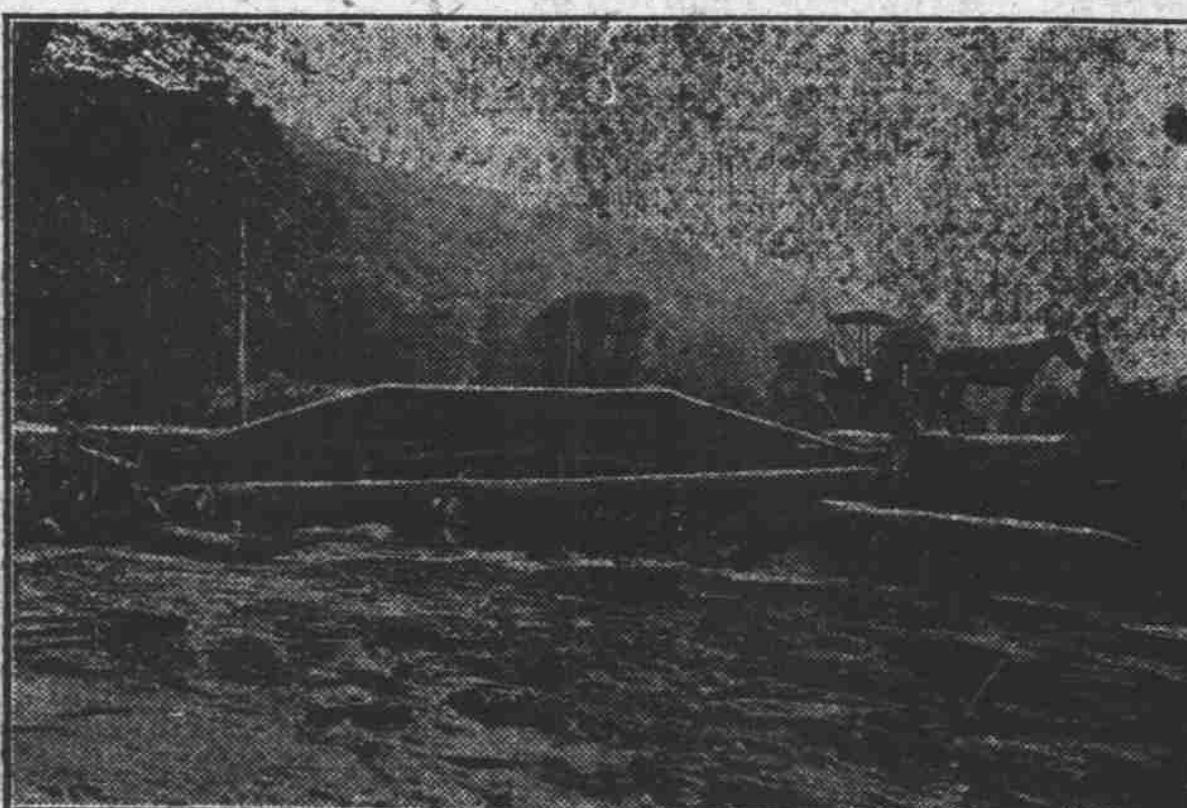
Chas. N. Malone speaking for himself and A. Webb of Asheville stated that he would give 107 for the county bonds, 101 for Hoopers Creek bonds and par for Hendersonville township bonds, the latter to bear five and one-half per cent interest.

After lengthy consideration the board deemed it better to postpone the sale of the bonds as the county bond issue had to be advertised previous to sale and May 19 was fixed as the date for the sale of the bonds. The petitions will be formally passed upon by the commissioners and others interested on May 10.

Twenty-five or more persons were present. The meeting was not attended by lengthy speechmaking or a protesting voice against the issuance of road bonds.

Elevation.

It is an interesting fact that Hendersonville's elevation above the sea level, 2252 feet, its exact average elevation of all the land in the world. Therefore, 2252 feet is best suited to the needs of the human race. This fact, and the latitude of Western North Carolina, contributes to the finest all the year round climate in the world.



Three Pictures of Good Roads in Henderson County.